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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JA, US

SUBJECT: FUKUDA-CARTER BILATERAL TALKS

REF: STATE 110238

1. FONOFF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVDIR OTA REVEALED IN COURSE
LONG GENERAL CONVERSATION WITH BLOOM AND PLATT APRIL 16
THAT FUKUDA TOLD CARTER RESOLUTION OF TOKAI MURA ISSUE
"CRUCIAL" AND "VERY CRITICAL" FOR HIM. IN REPLY, PRESIDENT
REPORTEDLY TOLD PRIME MINISTER THAT HE WOULD TELL DEPARTMENT
OF STATE TO REEXAMINE THE MATTER, AND SEE TO IT THAT THE
ISSUE WOULD NOT EMBARRASS FUKUDA.

2. SELIGMANN SAW OWADA AT LARGE RECEPTION APRIL 17 AND ASKED
IN PASSING HOW ISSUE HAD BEEN HANDLED IN LONDON. INHIBITED
BY SURROUNDINGS, OWADA COULD NOT GO INTO DETAIL, BUT
SAID HE HAD GIVEN FULL RUNDOWN ON MEETING TO HENRY OWEN.

3. NY TIMES BUREAU CHIEF KAMM REPORTING TO BLOOM ON
HIS INTERVIEW APRIL 17 WITH UNO, SAID THAT UNO DESCRIBED
70-MINUTE TALK BETWEEN FUKUDA AND PRESIDENT AS INCLUDING
FOLLOWING DIALOGUE: FUKUDA STATED THAT HE AND OTHER
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JAPANESE HAD BEEN MOST IMPRESSED BY CARTER STATEMENT ON
JAPAN AT PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING NEW U.S. NUCLEAR
POLICY ON APRIL 7, BUT THEN HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY STATEMENTS
MADE SUBSEQUENTLY BY LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS WHICH CONTRADICTED
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS; HE THEN SAID IT WAS A PITY THAT
PRESIDENT'S VIEWS HAD NOT BEEN PASSED DOWN TO SUBORDINATES;
PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT HIS VIEWS

WERE MADE KNOWN TO OTHER USG OFFICIALS. THE NEXT MORNING
PRESIDENT AND FUKUDA WERE TAKING WALK AND FUKUDA PURPORTEDLY
ASKED PRESIDENT IF HIS VIEWS HAD BEEN RELAYED. PRESIDENT
SAID NOT YET BUT THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE ON HIS RETURN TO
U.S.

4. WE ARE CONTINUING LOW KEY EFFORTS TO GET MORE INFORMATION.
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